

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

June 28, 2002

Minutes of the special City Council meeting held Monday, June 24, 2002 at 6:30 p.m., Conference Room A, City Center.

All members of the Council were present except Councilor Mayo-Wescott; Mayor Dowling presided.

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

- 249 ORDERED, That the City Council hereby finds it necessary to temporarily close Water Street from vehicular traffic, from Bridge Street up to Laurel Street, approximately from June 25, 2002 August 31, 2002, July 25, 2002 to September 30, 2002, from the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday evening. This is required in order to allow the contractor to work during these hours on the reconstruction of this section of Water Street, as part of the greater effort to revitalize the North Water Street portion of the Downtown.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That within these same dates and times, that the Maine Department of Transportation's bridge painting crew be allowed to prepare and repaint the train trestle that is located over Water Street.

Yeas: 8; Dowling, Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, TWO READINGS WAIVED

- 250 ORDERED, That the City Council of the City of Augusta, Maine as follows:

1. The Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Augusta, Maine, Part II, Chapter 2, Article VI, Subsection 2-293(g) is amended to provide as follows:

(g) The contract shall be awarded with reasonable promptness by appropriate written notice to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation for bids. In the event the low responsive and responsible bid

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, TWO READINGS WAIVED (Con't)

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for a construction project exceeds available funds as certified by the City Auditor and such bid does not exceed such funds by more than twenty (20%) percent, the Purchasing Officer is authorized to negotiate an adjustment of the bid price and amendments to the specifications and contractual terms and conditions applicable to the construction project with the low responsive and responsible bidder in order to bring the bid within the amount of available funds.

2. The amendment specified in Section 1 of this Order shall take effect retroactively and shall apply with respect to any invitation to bid issued on or after April 1, 2002.

Yeas: 8; Dowling, Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

248 ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract for reconstruction of northern Water Street with T-Buck Construction Company not to exceed available City financial resources including Community Development Block Grant funds and related General Fund appropriations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That \$100,000 is hereby appropriated from the City's General Fund balance to be used, if necessary, to augment funding for said northern Water Street reconstruction in anticipation of reimbursement of said fund balance reserves from Downtown Tax Increment Financing proceeds expected to be approved by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development within the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Yeas: 8; Dowling, Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Frith
City Clerk